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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1641

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Examiner: David J. Venci

APPLICATION NO: 10/016,627

FILED: DECEMBER 10, 2001

FOR: INVERSE LABELING METHOD FOR THE RAPID IDENTIFICATION
OF MARKER/TARGET PROTEINS

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006 having a shortened three (3) month statutory period for response, which expired on April 4, 2006. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for a three (3) month extension of time together with authorization to deduct the appropriate fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.